

Submission: Essential Services Commission

Re: Transmission Company Victoria application for an Electricity Transmission Licence

AEMO who operates TCV structures are unethical, exploitative and are manipulating their quasi position as a government body affords them protection from freedom of information and they act more as a political tool than a planning entity. Both the structure and the actions of AEMO/TCV see it not fit to hold an Electricity transmission licence.

Structure

Unprecedented powers, unethical and ripe for abuse. Of which there is plenty of examples in AEMO actions in Victoria as both AEMO and TCV. There is currently a federal Senate Inquiry into the Inquiry into the institutional structures, governance, regulation, functions, and operation of the Australian energy market. Being a public inquiry some of AEMO deception and nonfactual reporting has already been revealed with more to come. In light of this Inquiry, certainly at this time, no further licenses are to be authorised to AEMO/TCV.

TCV has no electricity delivering infrastructure or appropriate human resources and according to their own reports no intention of being an electricity provider. This shows that that blatantly do not meet the requirements for an Electricity Licence in the state of Victoria.

Experiences with TCV

As landholders in the proposed corridor of VNI West these are some of the experiences I, my family and community have been exposed to

- Widows and women of farming families receiving repeated visit by AEMO staff at their houses when requested not to.
- False accusations of crimes to community member by AEMO/TCV investigated by Vicpolice – multiple incidents
- AEMO/TCV officers and groups refusing to identify themselves or their purpose for being in the area
- Attempts at separated people from friends and family at meetings
- AEMO/TCV at public meeting, in publications and on radio misrepresenting the organisations powers, purpose and facts of the VNI West project.
- On the roadside AEMO/TCV have informed farming communities that Vicpolice are their private security.
- Multiple complaints lodged with AEMO/TCV and no action or response has been taken on these issues. These have then been escalated to Andrew Dyer the then Australian Energy Infrastructure Commissioner; still no resolve on the ground.

Conclusion

Given AEMO/TCV management structure and absence of infrastructure they have no technical capacity to hold an Electricity licence or to operate a business that can comply with liscen conditions and obligations. The actions of AEMO/TVC in the district of St Arnaud show they are not 'fit and proper' to manage the authority provide by an Electricity licence. AEMO/ TCV fail on all criteria for being a suitable entity for an ESS.

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